

**POLICY BULLETIN
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

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**SUBJECT: Household eligibility determinations for disaster or
 emergency evacuees residing with a host family**

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In areas covered by a **Presidential declaration** of a major disaster or emergency, individuals and families may be forced to evacuate their homes, and some of these evacuees may choose to reside with a host family until they can return to their own homes. In such instances, for the duration of the Presidential declaration, consider evacuees residing with a host family a separate household for the purpose of determining eligibility for regular benefits under EFAP. In instances when evacuees are considered a separate household, the host family must separately meet the eligibility requirements for the program in order to receive program benefits. All other program requirements must be met, including use of the host family's place of residence for the purpose of determining if both households meet applicable service area requirements.

Allowing separate household eligibility determinations for evacuees in these circumstances removes a potential barrier to program participation, and may minimize the burden placed on the host family.